

Munitz says presidents can boost health costs



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CSU Chancellor Barry Munitz

By NICOLE SIRI
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CSU Chancellor Barry Munitz now has the ability to give campus presidents reign over raising student health fee costs, as long as each university's Student Health Advisory Committee is consulted, said CSU Spokesman Steve MacCarthy.

Current CSU trustee policy offers health services to students for free or a nominal cost of no more than \$25, MacCarthy said. The new policy would allow the president to request that Munitz increase health fees.

SJSU currently provides basic health services for

free, said Robert Latta, associate director of health services. Basic services include such things as X-rays, lab work and visits with a nurse, Latta said.

Students can purchase a Spartan Health Card for \$20 that covers augmented services such as a full examination or referrals to specialists, Latta said.

Latta said the academic side of the university is looking toward eliminating the student health budget. If that is the case, the only option would be to implement a health fee which would increase current costs, he said.

"We're being told we have to look at ways to be self-sufficient," Latta said. "However, it is too premature to talk of how much health fees would cost in that situation."

"Prior to 1985, student health services were funded only by student fees. So if we had to become self-sufficient, we would be going back to that same situation, which is still much less expensive than medical service outside of the university."

Janet Redding, director of university advancement, said it is too early to predict a request by President Handel Evans to increase costs for health services.

"All areas of the university will be looked at by priority, and then recommendations will be made," Redding said. "People are exploring fees in all areas so it is too early to tell."

The president is required to demonstrate a financial need for a fee increase and that there has been consultation, said Harold Haak, interim senior vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Munitz said there will be a reasonable, sensible relationship between service and cost.

"The chancellor will not do anything unless the president applies to him to raise the fees," MacCarthy said.

Wallowing with the pigskin



MATT WALLIS — SPECIAL TO THE SPARTAN DAILY

Jason Deadman, left, and Maruice Atkins, right, knock down Jeff Callica during a game of mud storm Wednesday night.

Labyrinth marks spiritual journey

By AMOS FABIAN
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The spiritual journey of life could start with a first step on a painted labyrinth at the SJSU Campus Ministry Center Sunday between 1:30 and 5 p.m., said the Rev. Penny Mann.

Mann, the campus minister for United Campus Christian Ministry, said the 20-square-foot pattern, which will be laid on the chapel's floor, could serve as a tool of self-reflection.

The labyrinth, a pathway contained within a

pattern, is a symbol that transcends cultures and centuries, she said.

Some American Indians weave labyrinths onto baskets as a reflection on the journey of life, she said.

In Greek mythology, Theseus walked through a labyrinth to meet Minotaur, the half-man/half-beast he killed to avoid further human sacrifices.

Medieval Christians walked a labyrinth as an

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MARCIO J. SANCHEZ — SPARTAN DAILY

Professor Keui-Wu Tsai jokes with students while lecturing for a final exam Wednesday morning.

Tsai honored for bringing real world to SJSU

By KARA GARCIA
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Civil engineering Professor Keui-Wu Tsai chose teaching and education as a career because he dreamed of sharing his love of engineering with others.

Tsai was honored for his accomplishments as an educator on Nov. 16 when he received the 1991-1992 "Outstanding Professor Award," given by a special committee of the Academic Senate at SJSU.

"I feel very honored and lucky (to receive the award) because there are so many outstanding professors on campus," Tsai said.

Professor Emeritus Leonard Bushnell said Tsai is "one of the few genuine technical experts who is as concerned with effective teaching as with engineering expertise."

During his first year of teaching at SJSU in 1971, Tsai said he realized there was a gap in the information in the

classroom textbooks he was using and what was happening in the real world of engineering.

He decided to gain the "real world knowledge" he needed by working full time as a consultant and troubleshooter on various projects. Today, Tsai organizes his lectures around the real-world engineering problems he has learned about through the projects. His plans are to continue serving as a consultant and using the informa-

tion in the classroom.

In the latest project, he served as the special geotechnical engineering adviser to the Taipei (Taiwan) Metropolitan Rapid Transit System.

Tsai's students rate him "consistently the highest in all categories in spite of the fact that he is a tough grader and a very demanding teacher," said Bernard Gabrielsen, emeritus chair of

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Math and science professors visit Ekaterinburg university to help in exchange program

SJSU works with city of San Jose to develop sister-city relationship with Russian 'Silicon Valley'

By RICHARD ESPINOZA
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

SJSU is strengthening ties with Russian scientists through an exchange program with Urals State University in Ekaterinburg, Russia.

Dean Alan Ling from the College of Science and Chairman Veril Phillips of the math and computer science department visited the Russian university with three other professors during the last week of October.

The group's primary mission was to set up contacts for a university exchange established as part of the San Jose-Ekaterinburg Sister City Program. Two Ekaterinburg academics visited SJSU at the beginning of October.

The program, which is still in its early stages, may pave the way to tapping the wealth of scientific knowledge concentrated in the Ekaterinburg area.

The region's universities and technical institutes were dedicated to supporting the Soviet military until the collapse of the USSR. Russians are now looking for ways to put their expertise to work in the private sector to earn much-needed hard currency.

"The universities in Russia have been given a much freer hand to engage in private enterprise ventures," Phillips said.

The Ekaterinburg area is a strong software-producing area, Phillips said, but the programmers have been tailoring their work to the military. Now they

are cutting the programs into smaller pieces, cleaning them of certain military aspects and making them more user-friendly for the private sector.

Phillips returned to SJSU with two pieces of software to edit for use in the United States.

More importantly to group mem-

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Math and computer science department chairman

bers, they returned with electronic mail and fax numbers of Russian contacts.

The sister-city association formerly used hand couriers for their intercontinental communications because the mail system was unreliable.

Anybody from the group who traveled from one nation to the other was typically loaded down with letters and packages to deliver at the other end, Ling said.

Physics Professor Patrick Hamill returned with a pile of projects for which Russian researchers are looking for partners, but he has not found any matches for SJSU researchers.

EDITORIAL

Society, not nature, creates the deadly disease of rape

Women fight for their lives in war zones where rape must be recognized as a war crime.

A deadly disease is quickly spreading across this world. It is a disease in society that takes sweet, innocent boys and creates them into rapists.

Boys are not born rapists, they are influenced by their surroundings. And it is society that forms men, like the Iraqi soldier's in Kuwait, into rapists of women and children.

The universal male mentality — especially in third world countries where war is abundant — is that women are merely properties, to be bought, sold, and conquered.

During these times of war, for instance, soldiers take over a city raping women and children. They are considered a property of that city and therefore are conquered. To the victor goes the spoils.

The question is, are we, as the rest of the world, condoning the teachings of society and subsequently rapists by not taking a firm stand against the problem?

Has our society decided to stop supporting these acts by taking some forceful form of action to stop it?

Nope.

And the third world countries are not the only nations subject to this type of immorality.

In cities all over the United States, girls as young as 15, and younger, are being raped by a friend or a family member, because they were supposedly wearing seductive clothing and asking for it.

The rapist is not only sexually victimizing these girls, but also leaving a host of insecurities and emotions to suffer with for years.

The fight against rape victims of all ages is a war against society. In this war, women and children are literally fighting for their lives. This needs to end.

Women are not property to be conquered by means of rape. The society of the world should make rape a crime of war, punishable by federal law.

But most importantly, society needs to remember that women, whatever age, are human — yes human. They live, they breathe, and they feel just as much as men.

Herein lies where society needs to change. Boys should be brought up to treat women as equal and not as only a means to please themselves.

And finally, something that society has heard before but may need to hear once again: no means no.

Letters to the editor

No more parking spaces

I was very disturbed to read last Friday's article, "Fate of San Carlos closer to resolution." (Spartan Daily 11/20)

One resounding question kept creeping into my mind — What do 2,500 parking spaces have to do with the closure of San Carlos Street? I would understand if the closure of San Carlos would sacrifice an equal number of spaces, but as the article pointed out, San Carlos provides less than 100 parking spaces. So what's the connection?

As I see it, there is no reasonable connection. It is as the article stated, "... a lever to pressure the university on unrelated issues." O.K., I understand that, but why do we need another parking structure?

Creating more parking spaces just encourages more driving which creates more traffic congestion. Before you know it, the new parking structures will be full and folks will again be screaming or another new parking structure?

Furthermore, the proponents of this parking structure idea want the

structure built where the city had plans to build a skating rink. Which would you rather have near campus: a new skating rink (or other entertainment oriented establishment) or another parking structure?

Creating more parking space is a short sighted, illogical goal which does nothing but push aside the real issue. The problem lies in the fact that there are too many single occupancy vehicles on the road, not in a lack of parking spaces. When will we ever learn?

What we need is a stronger focus on transit usage. A majority of SJSU students commute to campus. Not only are busses and light rail an option, but Caltrain serves as an alternative for commuters from the peninsula. We need only to look to our neighbors in southern California to see that creating more spaces for cars only creates more traffic. Let's learn from their mistakes rather than making a disastrous mistake of our own.

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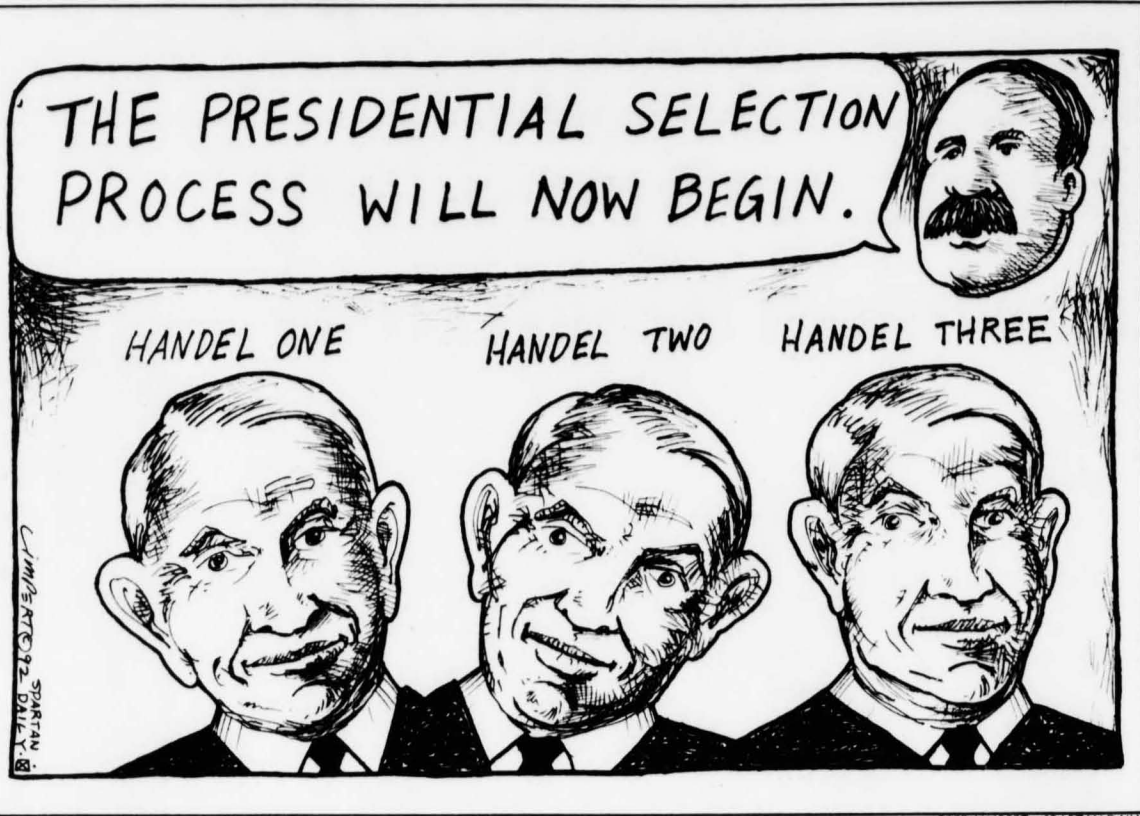
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FRED LIMPET — SPARTAN DAILY

Pro-choice should go beyond abortion rights

Finally the nervous war over abortion rights has been decided — at least temporarily — and the good guys won.

The Supreme Court wisely decided that a woman has the constitutional right to an abortion.

Now it's time to take this issue one step further.

Just what exactly does the word "pro-choice" mean? As the argument goes, a woman has the right to choose to do what she will with her body. Now why can't this argument extend past the issue of abortion and encompass all aspects of life?

A human being is a singular thing. It is owned by one person and its actions should be decided by that one person, so long as there is no harm to anyone else. But in too many situations in our lives our fates are decided by other people.

Take the case of suicide,

People... have yet to realize that all of us need to have the right to choose what to do with our bodies.

which is illegal. There are people who suffer through unimaginable horrors in our society to the point where ending life is the only humane choice.

But existing laws make it not only unlawful, but shameful to take a life that belongs to you in the first place.

Of particular disadvantage in the subject of suicide are hospital patients with no chance for improved health.

They have no means of their own to ease their suffering. Anyone who has read the book "Johnny Got His Gun" would understand the waking nightmare of being alive without the ability to really live that these people go through.

As California voters this last election, we had the chance to give patients the choice to die if they wanted. But because we ignorantly think of a heartbeat as the only criterion for living, it was shot down.

Another choice that gets suppressed in our society is drug use. The simple fact is that responsible drug use doesn't do harm to anyone but the user. The fact that it is illegal is the most damaging aspect of this controversy. If it were legal, people wouldn't have to shoot each other over it.

But people — both our leaders and everyday citizens — have yet to see far enough ahead to realize that all of us



Jim Batcho

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need to have the right to choose what to do with our bodies.

I am happy with the decision by the Supreme Court. I am relieved that women are making gains over conservative male-only way of thinking. But now we need to go further and apply the word "pro-choice" to all aspects of life.

While one battle is ending, this one is just beginning.

Does anyone ever speak the same language?

Anthropologists and other heady types who propose to know suggest that what really separates human beings from other creatures (and what ultimately makes us so much more cool) is our ability to formulate and use language. While we may banter back and forth about whether or not the various yaps, chirps and sputters of the "lower" beasts constitutes a form of linguistic communication, the fact remains that this distinction is extremely effective in explaining why us humans are in a state of fundamental confusion.

I mean, when you really look at it, the history of people is really characterized by an absence of having any real concrete idea of what the hell we're doing. Philosophers argue back and forth about what the answer is when they can't even agree on the question; politicians debate over what the best way to run a country is when they can't even figure out what a government is; economists theorize the future of the marketplace while vague buying habits and the whims of wall street suits playing with blips of abstract value determine whether or not there's a recession; and meanwhile the rest of us idiots sit around convincing ourselves that this is all a really meaningful exchange.

So it should really come as no surprise that, given the way it works (or doesn't), the source of our stupefaction is language. I mean, c'mon you third grade teachers out there,

you aren't fooling anyone with your vocabulary tests. You can't even define a word without giving us another word, and then another word to define that one, and then another word ad absurdum. The whole project of trying to understand what words mean is an exercise in infinite regress. Words don't "mean" anything, they're just empty little signifiers that we like to think have some bearing on the outside world.

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So where does meaning come from? Simple, we make it up as we go along. Unfortunately, we don't all always make it up the same, and we're all put in the rather laughable situation of using the same words to mean different things. But since we don't realize this (for to realize this would make any form of communication pretty much impossible), we yell and scream back and forth with one another about who's right when, all the while, like the philosophers, we can't even fig-

ure out what the hell we mean!

Examples of this phenomenon are everywhere. Indeed, it is at the foundation of every disagreement in the history of our overserious, self-indulgent little lives. Abortion is a common and particularly hilarious instance: Pro-choicers and pro-lifers and anti-thiers and pro-thaters get in some pretty confused discussions about why one form of behavior/government/medicine/morality is better than another, when really all the while they just can't agree on what should be meant by "life." Instead, they run off on all these weird moral and pragmatic tangents about what's right and wrong and who should be making what decisions for who. No wonder they can't figure it out; they can't even define a simple four letter word let alone try and distinguish between different categories of argumentation.

And then there's "the environment." A massive contingent of self-righteous tree-huggers has emerged in the past couple decades, spurned on by the mesmerizing mantra, "Save the Planet." Save the planet? What an absurd notion! Does the planet need saving? Is it worried about its future and the future of its kids? No! This is only some kind of weird anthropomorphism to save us from really considering the fact that environmentalism is and always will be fundamentally misguided until it realizes that what we really are talking about is saving us. We're committing suicide, and quite



Sean Cooper

Writer's Forum

frankly, the planet doesn't care. But instead of defining the problem and working toward cultural, behavioral and economic change that will replace the ever-consuming western ideal of accumulating mass quantities of stuff, we're worried about spotted owls and the poor old ozone layer!

So language is inherently meaningless and humans are fundamentally confused — what are we supposed to do with that? Well, for one, we can stop being so vain as to believe that we have it right all the time and that our perspective is the only perspective on the subject. We don't have to reject the truth and give in to the ultimate absurdity of human existence, but we do have to at least acknowledge the fact that we'll never really figure it all out, and that if we stop assuming that we can, we can stop arguing and maybe try working together for a change. As Tom Robbins once wrote: "Life's too important to take seriously."

Sean Cooper is Daily staff writer

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Labyrinth—

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alternative to the pilgrimage to Jerusalem during the crusades.

Today, the labyrinth is being rediscovered as a symbol for the journey of all people embarking on a spiritual path, Mann said.

Walking a labyrinth feels like moving toward the center of the universe, said Michelle Ogburn, who received her mathematics teaching credential last semester.

The experience is a wonderful, universal symbol that goes beyond religious boundaries, she said.

The labyrinth at SJSU's campus ministry chapel is a replica of the design built in the 11th century, located in the Chartes Cathedral outside of Paris, Mann said.

From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Mann will introduce the labyrinth and offer a choice between walking it alone or as part of a group. From 2:30 to 5 p.m., the participants will walk the labyrinth, she said.

"Walking alone helps a person's inner reflection by integrating body and mind into one spiritual reflection," Mann said. Walking together helps "building communities, a sense of sharing life's journey with others," she said.

For more information, contact Mann at 298-0204.

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the civil engineering department.

Tsai credits his success to his parents, who emphasized the value of education.

Tsai said he was born into a poor family in Taiwan. His parents were not able to provide more than food and shelter, but stressed education as the thing they most wanted to pass on to their children. "To this date, I still believe that (an education) is the best kind of inheritance any single individual can possibly get," Tsai said in his acceptance speech.

Tsai said he was always interested in building and engineering. "When I was a small child, my dream was to build a toy house or a toy bridge. When I grew older, my dream grew bigger," he said.

Upon completion of a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the National Taiwan University, Tsai, who was given a plane ticket and a total of \$200 from his parents and brothers, and came to the United States to attend graduate school at Princeton University.

Within four years, Tsai earned

three degrees: a master of science degree in engineering, a master of arts degree, and a Ph.D. in civil engineering from Princeton.

After he completed his studies there, he decided to pursue teaching as a profession.

"I thought to myself, 'if I could work with a group of bright youngsters who share the same dream, (I could) help them make their dreams come true,'" he said.

After five years as an associate professor at SJSU, he was promoted to full professor in 1976. He served as chairman of the engineering department for eight years from 1981 to 1989.

Courses he has taught throughout his 25 years at SJSU include soil mechanics, foundation engineering, groundwater seepage and drainage, earth structures and soil dynamics.

Tsai was chairman of the National Council of the Chinese Institute of Engineers-USA in 1990 and chaired the 12th Modern Engineering and Technology Seminar in Taipei in 1988.

"He was a marvelous choice," said Jim Smart, chairman of the Academic Senate, which chose Tsai. "His influence is beyond being a classroom teacher."

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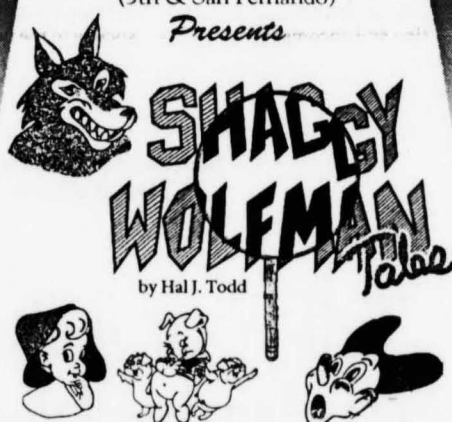


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SJSU beats Stanford in thriller

By DON MCGEE
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

SJSU guard Les Shepherd helped orchestrate a dramatic 56-52 upset victory over Stanford Thursday night at the Event Center

in front of a jubilant 1,931 fans.

The win ended a 10-game losing streak for the Spartans dating back to last season and no doubt is head coach Stan Morrison's biggest victory in his career at SJSU.

Shepherd — starting in place of point guard Javier Zavala, who was nursing a hip-pointer injury — made the most of his opportunity by pouring in 13 points and dishing out three assists.

"I got called and I had to step up," Shepherd said. "I didn't look at it as playing for somebody, I just looked at it as being a part of the team."

Shepherd and teammate Daryl Scott were stepping up all night.

And who would have thought Shepherd would even be a part of the Spartan basketball team after he elected not to come out for the basketball team.

Instead he limited his basketball involvement to SJSU's intramural courts. This year, after making it as a walk-on, that all has changed and the Spartans are all smiles.

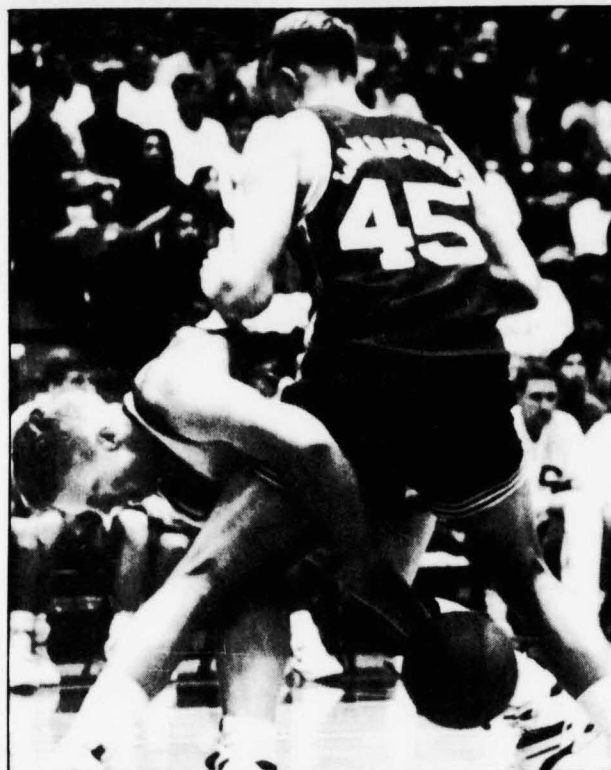
The Spartans began the game by racing out to a 15-4 advantage on the strength of Shepherd and Daryl Scott (14 points), who together combined to score 11 of the Spartans opening 15 points.

Shepherd and Scott finished the half with eight points apiece.

"What a great story. Les was MVP of our intramural league here last year," Morrison said. "I'm real proud of his performance."

Stanford pulled even after guard Bobby Patton drilled a 3-pointer to ignite an 8-0 run that tied the game at 24-24 with 47 seconds left in the half.

But SJSU held the ball for the last shot of the half as Spartan Joe Frenchwood hit a 3-pointer as time expired in the first half to give



JENNIFER FEURTADO — SPARTAN DAILY

SJSU's Andrew Gardiner tries to get control of the ball as Bart Lammerson defends in the Spartans' 56-52 upset victory over Stanford.

the Spartans a 27-24 lead.

After the Spartans equaled their biggest lead of the game at 41-30 with just over 11-minutes to go in the contest, the Spartans gained momentum.

But the Cardinal fought back to come with in three points at 42-39 with 5:07. The Spartans finally iced the game on a free throw by forward Jason Allen with nine seconds left to put the Spartans up by four points.

The Spartans face Gonzaga at 7:30 p.m. this Saturday at the Event Center.

SJSU 56, STANFORD 52
STANFORD (1-1)

Williams 6-15 1-4 13, Manley 1-3 1-2 3, Lammerson 0-2 2-2 2, Lollie 3-7 2-2 11, Dukes 1-10 0-0 2, Allaway 1-2 0-0 2, Poppink 1-3 0-0 2, Hicks 2-3 0-0 4, Patton 3-6 2-2 10, Ravn 1-1 0-0 3, Totals 19-52 8-12 52.

SAN JOSE STATE (1-1)

Allen 2-9 5-6 9, Scott 7-13 0-0 14, Brotherton 3-5 1-5 7, Mitchel 0-2 3-4 3, Shepherd 4-5 4-9 13, Gardiner 0-1 3-4 3, Greene 0-0 4-7 4, Frenchwood 1-2 0-0 3, Logan 0-2 0-0 0, Totals 17-39 56.

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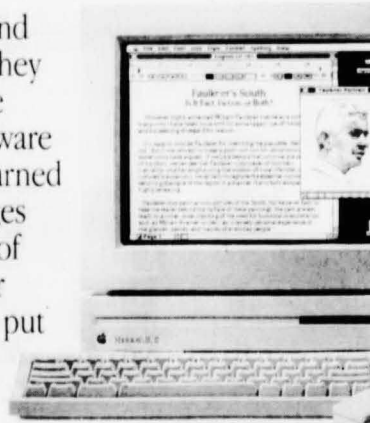


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'Go Pato'

Irie Reggae Uprising

By JON SOLOMON
Spartan Daily Staff Writer



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Pato Banton

Roger, who has just finished a tour with his band Special Beat, will probably collaborate with Banton in the future. "We're actually talking about doing an album at some point," Banton said.

Banton's debut album "Never Give In," released on I.R.S. records subsidiary Primitive Man, featured the hit song "Don't Sniff Coke," which chronicled Banton's rise to fame. The fame began with his single "Hello Tosh, Got a Toshiba," and Ranking Roger caught wind of it.

Roger later invited Banton to sing on "Pato and Roger a Go Talk," on the English Beat album "Special Beat Service." Banton then went on to sing a guest vocal on "Hip Hop Lyrical Robot" on UB40's album "Little Baggarriddim." From then on Banton has been striving forth, extending his words to people around the world. If people haven't heard it, he offers a piece of advice.

"People should check out the message at some point and take a listen to what is going down," Banton said. "It's really good and really positive."

Pato Banton, who's been touring the country and spreading a "positive vibe," will bring his socially conscious vibrations to the Student Union Ballroom on Saturday at 9 pm.

"I've been learning a lot through the years and I think there's nothing better a person can do but to help other people and uplift other people," Banton said in a phone interview from the Anaconda Theater in Santa Barbara. "I think music is one of the greatest vehicles to inspire and motivate people."

"If you can use it positively then you should do so. Too many times music is exploited and used for anything just to make money."

Banton lyrically calls for a world united, especially in the

title track of his latest album, "Universal Love"

"Universal Love is not a dream or an idealistic vision, it is Eternal Reality," Banton wrote.

In "Go Pato," he uses the song as a toast to his listeners around the world, and with a chorus of children behind him thanks every one of the United States with raggamuffin flare.

Early on in his career, Banton mainly listened to and played traditional roots reggae in the vein of Bob Marley, Big U, Dillinger and Trinity. But on "Universal Love," Banton takes those influences

one step further in what he calls "progressive reggae," tossing in slices of funk and rap.

He took over the full production of "Universal Love" at his own studio in Birmingham, England, where he lives.

Banton sings and plays a majority of the instruments on the album, but also recruited Steel Pulse bassist Alvin Ewen, Beshara singer Ray Watts, and ex-English Beater Ranking Roger.

Banton and Roger team up on the groovin' reggae tune, "Bubbling Hot" from "Universal Love."

Dada straddles the extremes of pop

By JON SOLOMON
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

In the early 1920s, dada was an artistic movement that sought the discovery of authentic reality through the abolition of traditional cultural and aesthetic forms by a technique of comic derision in which irrationality, chance and intuition were the guiding principles, at least as far as the American Heritage Dictionary is concerned.

The trio, dada, relies somewhat on the principles of the original movement, but singer and guitarist Michael Gurley said, "we just like the name. We liked the way it looked. The music will make the name."

The music behind the name is unadulterated pop built from the tight rhythm section of bassist Joie Calio (whose brother, incidentally, goes to SJSU), and drummer Phil Leavitt. Dada, who played last night at One Step Beyond, has created a buzz with its debut "Puzzle."

The album has the basic ingredients of pop — the catchy lyrics, harmonies and so forth — but there's an added element of style that draws from more than your



average syrupy top-forty rehash.

"It's alternative rock with a melody," Gurley said. But after pausing briefly he said, "how 'bout we're a cross between Jimi Hendrix and the Carpenters."

How's that for a combination? But besides the vague distance between extremes there's a drop of Squeeze, only fresher, some Police and even a blink of R.E.M. Add to that some Jimmy Page-inspired riffing, and that's some serious aesthetic deconstruction.

"You can't help if it comes through subconsciously in music and the songwriting," Gurley said. "But they come out because that's what you like. I love Jimmy Page, I love Hendrix. I love all the greats."

The Squeeze and Beatle-esque

harmonies surface occasionally on the album, especially on "Dog," "Mary Sunshine Rain" and "Timothy," a song of schoolboy's daydream musings.

"Some of our songs are like 'story' songs," Gurley said.

Gurley and Calio, who met in elementary school in Saratoga, collaborate lyrically in the vein of Gurley's favorite fiction writers such as Charles Bukowski, Tom Wolfe and Ken Kesey. "Here Today, Gone Tomorrow" is a bizarre fictional tale inspired by some freaks who hang out on the corner near Gurley's apartment on Santa Monica Blvd. and Vine Street in Hollywood, a "classic Los Angeles weird place" Gurley said.

"Every song doesn't have to save the world and every song doesn't have to be about someone's heart getting broken," Gurley said.

"Dizz Knee Land," describes a somewhat misanthropic view of life, but it's recently been number one on the requests for alternative station KROQ in L.A. and number eight on Billboard's Alternative chart. That's not too bad considering it's the band's debut and only three months old.

Persian art and dance showcased in SJSU Music Hall

SPARTAN DAILY STAFF REPORT

SJSU will showcase a "A Rendezvous with Art", an evening of traditional Persian dance, poetry, and music Friday at 8 p.m. in the Music Concert Hall.

Persian artists will show their work in the lobby of the concert hall before and during the performances.

Ballet Afsaneh will perform intricate dances to the music of Group Parvaneh using images of Persian mysticism, poetry and painting, said Mahnoush Harisaz of the Art and Culture Society that is sponsoring the program.

Ballet Afsaneh, which means enchantment, reconstructed dances after decades of research into the history of the literature, music and dance of Persia. Some costumes date back to the 16th century.

The Pishgum National Ballet will also perform Persian dance that is described as "playful, dramatic and rhythmically intricate."

Persian dance symbolizes "the swirling of graceful heavenly beings of paradise," Harisaz said. "It is quite mystical."

"We try to bring harmony to people through the art, music and dance of different cultures," said Harisaz, president of the Art and Culture Society.

David Ramzy will read the poetry of Hafez in both Farsi, the official language of Iran, and English.

Shahpour Zamanian, who owns the Persian Dance Academy in Sunnyvale, will also perform traditional Persian dance.

After performing background music with the ballet, Group Parvaneh will perform classical music and songs from the Near East as learned from master instrumentalists through the ages.

Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$10 for students and seniors. For more information call the Art and Culture Society at (408) 259-2742.

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